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POLE, QUALITY CONTROL METHOD AND  
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed October 22, 2009, which includes a Statement for the Reason of Allowance, Applicants submit the following comments.

**Comments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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